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1. The officials all express fear of the future in respect to American policy toward China and possible non-recognition of the Communist Government when it is formed.
2. They express the hope that the Northwest provinces will be conquered soon in order to provide a further link with Russia for handling import cargoes.
3. All China will be conquered before the end of the year. Taiwan will easily be taken by junk invasion*, which will be a duplicate of the Yangtze operation. Over 10,000 Communists have already infiltrated the island.
4. An uprising of the people on Taiwan will facilitate the takeover, providing the United States does not assist the Nationalists with planes and ships. Taiwan Communists are said to have representatives in Peiping who are planning the future government of Taiwan**.
5. The invasion of Taiwan will be timed with the invasion of South Korea from North Korea. This will divide American interest, and it is expected that more attention will be paid by the US to preserving Korean unity***.
6. There is great concern over the shortage of food and grains caused by drought. There is no hope for grains from Manchuria because of the recent Manchurian trade pact with Russia. Hope is expressed for rice from Burma and Indochina, because the right-hand man of Mao Dai (sic) is a Singapore Chinese Communist named "U" who is in direct contact with Chinese Communist officials

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*** Comment. It is suggested that the recent skirmish in Korea might have been a test of strength and a trial to determine American reaction. It is also suggested that the assembling of troops in the Lungkou-Penglai area (see) might be for the purpose of crossing to Dairen to assist North Korea troops at a later date.

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